

REMARKS

Restriction/Election

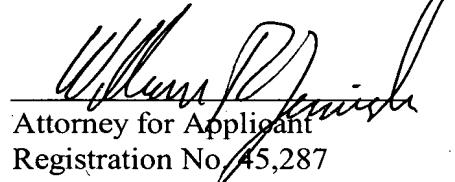
Applicants elect the invention of Group I (Claims 1-21 and 36-41) with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that the inventions described in Group I and Group II (Claims 22-35) are related as a process and an apparatus for its practice. As such, Applicants submit that the Examiner would not be seriously burdened by examining the invention of Group I along with the invention of Group II. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned in the event that a phone interview will expedite prosecution of this application towards allowance.

Very truly yours,



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